

species using the channel (comments, City of Martinez, 1974).

A list of species of special concern that are known to be in the area is shown as Attachment 4 of this document. Surveys to determine if these species are actually present at the Marine Terminal have not been done, so it is impossible to say what impacts the project might have on such species.

F. Noise. Will the proposal result in:

			Potentially Significant Impact		Insufficient Data
	No Impact	Less Than Significant Impact	Mitigation Identified	No Mitigation Identified--EIR	
1. Increase in existing noise levels?	X				
2. Exposure of people to severe noise levels?		X			

Explanation:

1.) Renewal of the lease will result in continuation of the current noise levels for an additional ten years. This is not considered a significant impact due to the low level of the noise and the lack of sensitive receptors. If the lease is not renewed, only the upland noise source would remain.

2.) Noises generated at both facilities primarily come from motors and pumps. The wharf at the Marine Terminal also includes vessels "idling" (hotelling) with their main engines in operation while docked. None of these noise sources are considered "severe", but they will remain if the lease is renewed, and be reduced by the elimination of noises at the wharf if the lease is not renewed.

Discussion:

Both the Marine Terminal and the upland facility are sources of low-level industrial noise. The bayfront setting of the facility is normally quiet, with the dominant existing noises being associated with the road and rail lines (Thomas Reid Associates, 1994). There are no noise receptors in the terminal vicinity. The nearest residential area is approximately 2 miles to the south, on the other side of the hill on which the upland facility is located. The BCDC trail could be considered a sensitive noise receptor, but measurements made there show noise levels do not exceed 55dBA. If the lease is renewed, both facilities will continue operating as they are now. If the lease were not renewed, then only the upland facility would remain as a noise source.

G. Light and Glare. Will the proposal result in: